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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Mail Stop: Fee Amendment

Sir:

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Please find enclosed the following documents pertaining to the above-referenced application:

- *Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- *Response to Office Action;
- *Petition for Extension of Time (3 months);
- *Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO/SB/08A; 1 cited reference;
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		Application Number	09/831,489		
		Filing Date	08/10/2001		
		First Named Inventor	VAN DYK		
		Examiner Name	P. Nordmeyer		
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)	FEE CALCULATION (continued)					
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The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)	1053 1812 2	130	1053 1812		Non-English specification For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
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FEE CALCULATION 1. BASIC FILING FEE	1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
Large Entity Small Entity	1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	950.00
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1002 340 2002 170 Design filing fee	1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1003 530 2003 265 Plant filing fee	1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1004 770 2004 385 Reissue filing fee	1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1005 160 2005 80 Provisional filing fee	1451 1	,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)	1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
	1453 1	,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE	1501 1	,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
Extra Claims below Fee Paid	1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
Total Claims20** = X =	1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
Independent Claims - 3** = X = =	1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
Multiple Dependent =	1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
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1203 290 2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be	
1204 86 2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent	1801	770	2801	205	examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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